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Doctor who treated King breaks 29-year silence

ATLANTA — Breaking a 29-year silence, Rufus Brown, the first doctor to treat the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. minutes after he was shot in Memphis in 1968, said Monday that he's always wondered how the fatal bullet could have made so many odd turns. The official autopsy reports that the lone bullet entered King's body about an inch to the right of his mouth, fractured his jaw bone, exited his right chin and re-entered the base of the neck above the collarbone. The bullet then made a sharp left turn, continuing down and across King's neck, severing the spinal cord and finally lodging in the left lung. In Memphis, Tenn., attorneys for James Earl Ray said they will file a petition in Nashville today seeking his release pending a trial.

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